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Planning Commission
Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
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**SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation to Support an Ordinance
Adopting a Pilot Program Regarding the Cultivation of
Industrial Hemp**

The El Dorado County Agricultural Commission held a special meeting on September 29, 2022, to receive a report by the Agricultural Department for an Ordinance adopting a Pilot Program regarding the cultivation of Industrial Hemp. The proposed ordinance will amend Title 130 of the County Zoning Ordinance to enact regulations for the cultivation of industrial hemp pursuant to the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program Concept.

The Commission received a staff report detailing the proposed draft ordinance and received comment from the Industrial Hemp Joint Working Committee and two public comments. County Counsel and Planning were available for questions and comments.

Chair Boeger brought the item back to the Commission for discussion and review of the proposed ordinance. After reviewing the Commission felt they could support the Ordinance with the following recommendations and changes as noted in the following motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Bolster and seconded by Commissioner Draper to recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, APPROVAL of the Draft Ordinance with the following changes to the Hemp Pilot Project:

Recommended code sections to be modified.

- 1.) Section 130.43.100 – Definitions
 - ***Sensitive use to be modified deleting ranch marketing facilities and winery sales and tasting facilities.***
- 2.) Section 130.43.101 (B)(6) License Requirements
 - ***Remove from section 130.43.100 (B)(6) “and that the proposed cultivation of industrial hemp will not occur on a parcel or parcels that are being used for commercial cannabis activity pursuant to Chapter 130.41(Commercial Cannabis)”***
- 3.) Section 130.43.105 Cultivation Requirements
 - ***Remove from section 130.43.105 (B) “the use of activated carbon***

*filtration or equivalent odor abatement control equipment on the
air exhaust, a vapor-phase odor control system”*

4.) Section 130.43.106 Inspections

- Remove all references to the Sheriff in this code section

AYES: Boeger, Draper, Mansfield, Neilsen, Walker, Bacchi, Bolster
NOES: None
ABSENT: None